

SENATE BILL 3609
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16,
Chapter 3, Part 8, relative to the creation of an
Integrated Criminal Justice Steering Committee

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 3, Part 8, is amended by
adding the following new sections:

§16-3-814. Sections 16-3-814 — 16-3-820 of this act shall be known as the
“Integrated Criminal Justice Act of 2006”.

Whereas, in September 2000, the Integrated Criminal Justice Steering
Committee was established for the purpose of developing a strategic vision for
the sharing of electronic information between justice and justice-affiliated
agencies in order to improve operating efficiencies and enhance public safety
throughout the state; and

Whereas, such initiative has been funded by a federal grant during its
initial phase; and

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the safety and security of Tennessee
citizens to continue the development of integrated criminal justice systems to
assist in coordinating the work and activities of Tennessee criminal justice and
justice-affiliated agencies; now therefore,

Be it the purpose of this legislation to statutorily authorize the Integrated
Criminal Justice Steering Committee whose responsibility it shall be to facilitate
development of integrated criminal justice information systems which will improve

coordination and cooperation among justice and justice-affiliated agencies to enhance the public safety of Tennessee's citizens.

§16-3-815. There is hereby created an Integrated Criminal Justice Steering Committee, which shall be administratively attached to the administrative office of the courts. The purpose of the Integrated Criminal Justice Steering committee is to provide the governmental and technical information systems infrastructure necessary for accomplishing state and local government public safety and justice functions in the most effective manner by appropriately and efficiently sharing criminal justice and juvenile justice information among law enforcement, judicial, corrections, executive agencies and political subdivisions of the state.

§16-3-816. It is the duty of the Integrated Criminal Justice Steering Committee to facilitate the development of cost-effective, integrated justice information systems that maximize standardization of information and communications technology across the state's justice and justice-affiliated agencies. It is further the duty of the committee to provide the leadership, strategy, mission, vision, goals, decision-making structure, and accountability processes for the Integrated Criminal Justice program.

16-3-817. Any integrated criminal justice system developed through the facilitation of the committee shall:

- (1) Increase public safety and improve national security;
- (2) Minimize the threat and risk of injury to specific individuals;
- (3) Minimize the threat and risk of injury to law enforcement and other first responder personnel;
- (4) Minimize the threat and risk of damage to real or personal property;
- (5) Protect individual civil rights, civil liberties, and privacy rights and other protected interests;
- (6) Protect the integrity of the criminal investigatory, criminal intelligence, and justice system processes and information;

- (7) Minimize reluctance of individuals or groups to use or cooperate with the justice system;
- (8) Support the role of the justice system in society;
- (9) Promote governmental legitimacy and accountability;
- (10) Not unduly burden the ongoing business of the justice system; and
- (11) Make the most effective use of public resources allocated to justice agencies.

§16-3-818.

(a) The membership of the steering committee shall consist of: director of office of criminal justice programs or a designee, president of the Tennessee sheriffs association or a designee, president of the Tennessee association of chiefs of police or a designee, executive director of the Tennessee district attorneys general conference or a designee, executive director of the Tennessee district public defenders conference or a designee, commissioner of the Tennessee department of correction or a designee, chair of the Tennessee board of probation and parole or a designee, president of the Tennessee court clerks association or a designee, one member of each body of the general assembly to be appointed by the respective speakers, as follows: one member of the house of representatives, one member of the senate, Tennessee attorney general or a designee, Tennessee chief information officer or a designee, director of the Tennessee bureau of investigation or a designee, commissioner of the Tennessee department of safety or a designee, director of the Tennessee office of homeland security or a designee, director of the administrative office of the courts or a designee, chief justice of the Tennessee supreme court or a designee, deputy commissioner of the juvenile justice division of the department of children's services or a designee, director of the Tennessee emergency management agency or a designee, and the director of the governor's highway safety office or a designee.

(b) The steering committee may appoint advisory council members from time to time. Advisory members may represent such entities as, including but not limited to the following: municipal judges conference, Tennessee bar association, Tennessee county services association, governor's office and lay members appointed by the governor, commission on children & youth, council of juvenile & family court judges, Tennessee emergency communications division, department of revenue, department of commerce and insurance, Tennessee fireman's association, and alcoholic beverage commission.

(c) The steering committee may establish policies and procedures relative to membership and operations of the steering committee on issues, including but not limited to, election and terms of officers, voting privileges, establishment of subcommittees, cessation of membership on the steering committee and other operational issues as may be necessary to the efficient and effective operation of the steering committee.

§16-3-819. The members of the steering committee, advisory council, and subcommittees shall serve without compensation. They may be reimbursed for their travel expenses pursuant to the travel regulations of the state of Tennessee.

§16-3-820. The administrative office of the courts shall be empowered to hire personnel to manage Integrated Criminal Justice projects and to be responsible for day-to-day operations. In making such personnel decisions, the director of the administrative office of the courts shall consult with the steering committee.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.